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Transmission at a Number of Inputs to a Number of Outputs of a Packet
Switching Device in Successive Time Slots

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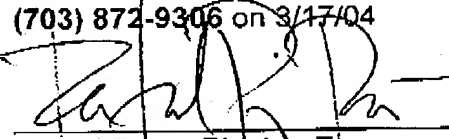
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Please amend the above identified application as follows:

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